

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 12-13, 18-26 and 44-84 are now pending. Claims 12, 19 and 25 are currently amended, and claims 1-11, 14-17 and 27-43 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of any previously claimed subject matter. Claims 44-84 are new. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

In the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, the Examiner restricted the prosecution of the application to one of thirty six groups proposed by the Examiner:

- I. Claims 1, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds and of claim 1,
- II. Claims 2, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 2,
- III. Claims 3, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 3,
- IV. Claims 4, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 4,
- V. Claims 5, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 5,
- VI. Claims 6, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 6,
- VII. Claims 7, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 7,
- VIII. Claims 8, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 8,
- IX. Claims 9-11, 27-33 and 38-43, drawn to compounds of claim 9,
- X-XVIII. Claims 12-13, 18-26, drawn to methods of treating a host infected with a *Flaviviridae* infection by administering a compound from groups I-IX,
- XIX-XXVII. Claims 14-17, drawn to methods of treating a host infected with a *Flaviviridae* infection by administering a compound from groups I-IX and an additional antiviral agent,
- XXVIII-XXXVI. Claims 34-37, drawn to compositions comprising the compounds of groups I-IX and an additional antiviral agent,

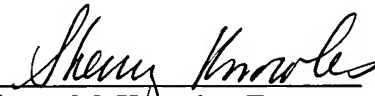
Applicants elect Group XVIII, drawn to methods of treating a host infected with a *Flaviviridae* infection by administering a compound from group IX (claims 12-13 and 18-26) as recited in claim 12. Claims 12-13, 18-26 and new claims 44-83 read on the elected Group.

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The Examiner has also requested that Applicants elect a disclosed species for prosecution under 35 U.S.C § 121. Applicants elect the compound of claim 83. Claims 12-13, 18-26, 44, 49, 51-52, 66-68, 72 and 83-84 read on the elected species.

Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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